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SUBJECT: REBUILD BY IRAN OF JORDANIAN M-48 TANKS

REFS: A. AMMAN 0820 B. TEHRAN 01417 C. AMMAN 1610

1. DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO IRANIANS REBUILDING
JORDANIAN M-48S AND HAS AUTHORIZED PREPARATION OF LOA FOR
SIGNATURE BY GOJ.

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2. AS JORDAN WOULD BE ULTIMATE RECIPIENT OF RETROFIT KITS,
WE PROPOSE TO ISSUE LOA IN QUESTION TO GOJ RATHER THAN
GOI, WITH PROVISION THAT BILLS WILL BE PRESENTED TO GOI
FOR PAYMENT. GOJ WILL OF COURSE REMAIN LIABLE FOR PAYMENT
IF GOI FAILS TO PAY BILLS. FYI. IN RELATED COMMERCIAL
CASE, JORDAN WOULD BE DESIGNATED AS COUNTRY OF ULTIMATE
DESTINATION. END FYI. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT

IN ANY CASE PROPOSED RETROFIT PROGRAM WOULD INVOLVE AT LEAST TWO THIRD-PARTY TRANSFERS, I.E. RETROFIT KITS SOLD TO GOJ AND DELIVERED TO IRAN, AND JORDANIAN TANKS TRANSFERRED TO IRAN, FOR WHICH PRIOR USG CONSENT, TRANSFERRE ASSURANCES, AND THIRTY DAYS' NOTICE TO CONGRESS WOULD BE REQUIRED. WE WOULD EXPECT TO PROCESS SUCH TRANSFER REQUESTS AT SAME TIME, AND ANTICIPATE NO DIFFICULTY.

3. A SECOND QUESTION ARISES DUE TO GOJ REQUEST TO EXPEDITE DELIVERY OF KITS (REFTEL A). WE ARE CURRENTLY EXAMINING REQUEST TO SEE IF ANYTHING CAN BE DONE. THERE WOULD BE, HOWEVER, NO ADVANTAGE IN SPEEDING DELIVERY OF KITS, IF THIS PROVES POSSIBLE, IF RETROFIT CAN NOT BE EXPEDITED FOR OTHER REASONS. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW WHAT SCHEDULE OF IRANIAN REBUILD FACILITY IS. REQUEST EMBASSY TEHRAN DETERMINE IN LOW KEY FASHION IF SCHEDULE IS SUCH THAT EARLIER DELIVERY OF KITS WOULD ALLOW WORK ON JORDANIAN TANKS TO BEGIN EARLIER THAN 18 MONTHS FOLLOWING CONTRACT SIGNATURE, AS NOW ANTICIPATED (REF B). CHRISTOPHER

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